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DELIVER TO USDEL/UNESCO OPENING OF BUSINESS NOV 12.

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1. DEPT'S READING OF DRAFT RESOLUTION TRANSMITTED REFTEL IS THAT IT IS A PATENTLY POLITICAL ATTACK RATHER THAN A SERIOUS EFFORT TO COPE WITH THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF INTELLECTUAL AND EDUCATIONAL FREEDOMS WHICH ARE MENTIONED IN SOME OF THE PREAMBULAR AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS. DEPT FINDS PARTICULARLY OBJECTIONABLE THE INCLUSION OF THE PARAGRAPHS DEALING WITH "FASCISM" AND OTHER OBVIOUSLY POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL PHRASEOLOGY.
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2. DEPT ALSO REGARDS TEXT OF RESOLUTION DEFECTIVE IN THAT IT FAILS TO IDENTIFY SOURCE OF CHARGES. AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE UNESCO HAS NEVER RECEIVED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION DETAILING SUCH ALLEGATIONS. GOVERNMENTS WHO MUST VOTE ON RESOLUTION WILL HAVE NO IDEA OF THE NATURE OF THE EVIDENCE BEHIND THE CHARGES. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH B CALLS FOR A CESSATION OF VIOLATIONS ON THE APPARENT ASSUMPTION THAT THE UNIDENTIFIED CHARGES HAVE BEEN FACTUALLY ESTABLISHED.

3. IT IS OUR POLICY IN THE UNITED NATIONS TO SUPPORT ALL REASONABLE MEASURES TO CORRECT SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. WE HAVE ON MANY OCCASIONS EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN OVER REPORTS OF VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN GENERAL IN CHILE. WE CANNOT, HOWEVER, SUPPORT RESOLUTIONS WHICH ARE BASED UPON ALLEGATIONS ADVANCED UPON THE AUTHORITY OF ONE MEMBER STATE AND WHICH WITHOUT ANY ATTEMPT AT OBJECTIVE FACT-FINDING CONDEMN THE ACTIONS OF ANOTHER MEMBER STATE.

4. IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM REFTEL WHEN VOTE ON SUBJECT RESOLUTION WILL TAKE PLACE. IF POSSIBLE BEFORE VOTE USDEL REQUESTED TO REPORT ON POSSIBLE VOTING LINEUP, ESPECIALLY ON POSITIONS TO BE TAKEN BY OTHER LAS AND EC-9. WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IF THERE ARE OTHER COSPONSORS OF SUBJECT RESOLUTION.

5. IF VOTE TAKES PLACE BEFORE USDEL CAN REPORT ON POSSIBLE VOTING LINEUP, USDEL SHOULD ABSTAIN. TEXT OF EXPLANATION OF VOTE FOLLOWS SEPTEL. KISSINGER UNQUOTE

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